

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order 05-05-17

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 5, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 5, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident bull moose season in hunt areas Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) within the Kuzitrin River drainage covered under registration permit hunt RM840.

The State resident season for bull moose by registration permit hunt RM840 in the specified portions of Unit 22 closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 5, 2017. The fall harvest quota of 22 bull moose has been reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 22(D):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 22(D), that portion within
the Kougarok, Kuzitrin, and
Pilgrim River drainages

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or

Sept. 1 – Sept. 5

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

Jan. 1 – Jan. 3
(To be announced)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Unit 22(D) Southwest, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage, west of the west bank of the unnamed creek originating at the unit boundary opposite the headwaters of McAdam’s Creek to its confluence with Canyon Creek, and west of the west bank of Canyon Creek to its confluence with Tuksuk Channel

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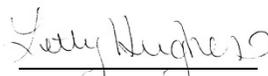
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Letty Hughes
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game established a registration moose hunt in Unit 22(D) Southwest and Unit 22(D) that portion within the Kuzitrin River drainage. The management objective for the area is 30 bulls to 100 cows. A fall moose composition survey completed in November 2016 and 2013 resulted in 20 bulls to 100 cows and 23 bulls to 100 cows, respectively. This is a decline in the areas bulls to cow ratio when compared to similar surveys completed in 2008 and 2011 that resulted in 33 bulls to 100 cows and 28 bulls to 100 cows, respectively. For regulatory year 2017-2018, the department established a harvest quota of 22 bulls to prevent excessive bull harvest and to improve the bull to cow ratio.

The fall combined harvest quota of 22 bull moose has been reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order and no further harvest is warranted.

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